

Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 21, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-29 and 31-58 are pending in this application. Claims 1-29 and 31-59 stand rejected. Claims 30 and 59 have been cancelled.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, for the above-identified patent application from June 21, 2006, through and including July 21, 2006. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$120.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The rejection of Claims 1-29 and 31-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marpe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,671,693) ("Marpe") and Hartnett (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,188) is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully advise the Examiner that the Examiner has recently allowed a sister-case to the present case. The sister-case is: Serial No.: 09/741,211 entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF A VALUATION SYSTEM. It was allowed on June 16, 2006, and the issue fee was paid on June 30, 2006. It has not yet published as a U.S. Patent.

Applicants further submit that the presently pending claims include the allowable subject matter from the allowed sister-case. Marpe and Hartnett were cited in the sister-case. Accordingly, for the same reasons that the sister-case was allowable over the combination of Marpe and Hartnett, the presently pending claims are also allowable over the combination of Marpe and Hartnett. Accordingly, since the present claims include the allowable subject matter from the allowed sister-case, Applicants submit that the present case is also in condition for allowance.

More specifically, independent Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 47 and 56, as amended herein, include recitations that are not described or taught by the combination of Marpe and Hartnett. Accordingly, Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 47 and 56, and all claims pending therefrom, are allowable over Marpe and Hartnett.

For at least the reasons as set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of Claims s 1-29 and 31-59 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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